ever be seen , in the navy, at least 150 ships, besides hoys and flyboats, whereof 18 of her Majesty's own, and since her reign never so many before The States have sent 18 large ships of war and six others for the carrying of munition, but to be subject to our generals , they land 1000 men

There have been some differences among the principal leaders at Plymouth, for it hath pleased my Lord of Essex to give Sir Francis Vere much countenance and to have him always near at hand, which draweth upon him no small envy, insomuch as open jars have fallen out betwixt Sir Francis and Sir Walter Ralegh and Sir Conyers Clifford These my Lbrd hath qualified for this time, ordering that at all meetings at land Sir Francis shall have the precedence of Sir Walter, and he to have precedence at sea Wherefore by Sir Francis' proposition are set down in writing the several duties that properly belong to every office in the field

yd June THE FLEET SAILS

The great fleet sailed from Plymouth on the 1st All the soldiers and manners being embarked, and the wind coining round to the N W and by N , the Lord Admiral being aboard the *Ark* commanded his master-gunner to shoot off a piece to give warning to all the fleet, which they did incontinently

While they lay at Plymouth the Lords Generals governed their charge with very good justice and martial discipline Two soldiers were hanged upon the Hoe with papers upon them showing their offences upon the one was written, ' For drawing his sword and raising mutiny against his commander *, upon the other, * For running away from his colours.' A lieutenant that had taken .£60 to discharge men pressed in Wales was disarmed by proclamation, adjudged to

repay the money, and banished the army A soldier also in a Dutch regiment that had killed one of his companions was, by order of martial law, tied to the party murdered and so thrown both into the sea

THE STATE OF THE MIDDLE MARCHES

The state of the Middle Marches towards Scotland of late years is so negligently ordered that the Council have commanded the Lord Evre, the Lord Warden in those parts, to take